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COVER STORY

The twelfth of Augutst will be the first day of the seventh lunar month which is also the month of ghosts on Taiwan.

Traditionally various offerings and observances are performed to appease the spirits of the dead lest they roam the earth wreaking havoc.

In Tamsui lies a small foreign cemetery which, except for a handful of benevolent expatriates, lies largely unattended and forgotten — certainly those spirits of various foreign nationalities haven't been duly appeased in many decades. For the full story read this month's *Where We Live* column.

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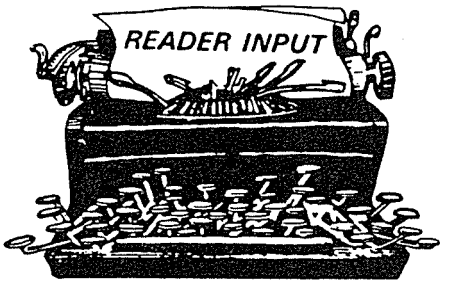

English Dailies

Grapevine:

Right on again! Finally someone speaks out on a subject sore to most all foreigners on the island — the lousy English papers.

We can only hope your poignant remarks will gain positive results.

GV Fan, Taipei

R.S.A. Defended

Dear Editor,

Having friends in, and doing business with, South Africa for many years I greatly appreciate your willingness to give an unbiased picture of the real situation there.

Did your writer have an opportunity to see Winnie Mandela's "real" lodgings — not the popularised Soweto hovel recently fired by her own people?

Foreign Trader, Taipei

Back to Colonialism?

The celebration of U.S. independence from England allows citizens from all nationalities to partake in the festivities whether they are held in the U.S. or overseas. I'm sure the majority of Americans don't give a hoot who attends these functions, that's what the 4th of July is supposed to be for, all walks of life. But in our July 3rd celebration of the 4th, it certainly seemed ridiculous to hear the voice of anEnglishman in the I.C.R.T. booth during the afternoon. I seriously doubt an American would be able to do the same thing on whichever day England celebrates. I realize the time spent in the I.C.R.T. booth on that day is donated, but anEnglishman? And then to see the photos in the China Post on July 5th where most of the pictures were of non-Americans makes me wonder even more. Would newspapers print pictures of non-England citizens celebrating England's holidays? Except for the above, the American Chamber of Commerce staged another fine celebration of the 4th and the M.I.T. band could have played longer.

An American proud of his nationality.

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (20 Mar — 20 Apr) Don't be too agressive. Educate yourself to improve earning capacity. Possible financial help from afar. Singles don't let a so-called lover play on your emotions. Balance work with pleasure — get physically fit. Lucky numbers: 118, 679, 8975.

TAURUS (21 Apr — 21 May) A period of emotional sensitivity. Can't sleep — read an important book. A chance to heal old differences. Efficiency on the job pays off. Discuss romantic problems with a friend. Singles take advantage of a dinner for two. Lucky numbers: 44, 118, 663.

GEMINI (22 May — 21 June) Don't make mountains out of molehills. A time to gain minor victories. Don't discuss your personal finances. Travel plans might be disrupted — good news follows. Seek guidance from experts. Keep your cool at work. Lucky numbers: 98, 1027, 3482.

CANCER (22 June — 23 July) Begin or continue a fitness program. Focus on practical ideas. Check yor automobile for hidden defects. Beware of activities behind your back — do something positive about It. Be sympathetic toward other's problems. Lucky numbers: 44,118, 2798.

LEO (24 July — 23 Aug) Begin saving for a well-deserved vacation. Put financial matters in good order. Control your sweet tooth. Career advancement depends on your efforts — improve your skills. Refresh yourself with peace and quiet. Lucky numbers: 1187, 5683, 5988.

VIRGO (24 Aug — 23 Sept) Clear your mind and seek accomplishment. Be ready for vital developments. Laugh off irritating remarks. Singles let your head rule your heart in romance. Avoid mental and physical exhaustion. Simplify your financial arrangements. Lucky numbers: 1027, 4586, 7835.

LIBRA (24 Sept — 23 Oct) A time for high passions. Don't rush into signing important documents. Do you have sufficient health insurance? Get involved in a community project. Get into regular physical activity. Speak your mind in a positive manner. Lucky numbers: 1112, 5648, 7974.

SCORPIO (24 Oct — 22 Nov) Careful walking and driving. Self-reliance is the key. Stand up for your rights. Make neglected appointments. Beware of those inquisitive about your finances. Analytic skills improve. Small favors for others will bring reward. Lucky numbers: 9, 186, 568.

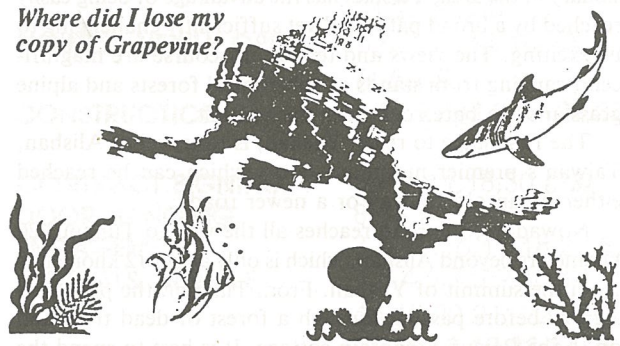
SAGITTARIUS (23 Nov — 21 Dec) Personal projects have a chance for success. Singles keep a far-sighted attitude toward romance. Arm yourself with facts and figures. Do more walking and less sitting. Seek a bit of privacy. Think twice about money matters. Avoid too much sun. Projects should take root. Lucky numbers: 646, 1006, 2593.

Letters and comments are welcome. Only those with the writer's name and address are acceptable for publication.

CAPRICORN (22 Dec — 20 Jan) Laughter brings lovers closer together. Use spare time to read for self-improvement. Use caution around electricity and machinery. Don't take matters too personally. Clean up your own act before advising others. Beware of snap decisions. Lucky numbers: 111, 459, 5682.

AQUARIUS (21 Jan — 19 Feb) Clear out past debris. Face challenges head-on. Make needed mechanical repairs at home. Marriage looks hopeful for singles. Go easy on alchohol. Balance your spiritual and material sides. Don't hesitate to ask that big favor. Lucky numbers: 67, 1983, 7430.

PISCES (20 Feb — 19 Mar) Seek expert advice before relocating. Employment problems are not as complicated as they look. Roll with the waves — you'll last longer. Don't be overly critical. Romance looks bright for singles. Consume more fruit and juices. Lucky numbers: 88, 569, 6983.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

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Taiwan's Mountains II

Classic Peaks For The Beginner

There are 100 peaks of over 3,000 meters (about 10,000 feet) which have been designated by local climbing associations as being worthy of conquering.

Many people actually set out to do all 100, even though this may take several years, especially because an expedition must be mounted just to reach the bases of some.

For ordinary mortals, however, there are four peaks which can be regarded as classic, for their altitude, beauty and relative ease of access.

The King of all the Mountains in Taiwan, of course, is Yushan, or Jade Mountain, which at 3,997 meters is the highest peak in East Asia.

Formerly known as Mt. Morrison, after an early missionary in the area, Yushan has the advantage of being easily reached by a broad path, and yet sufficiently challenging to be exciting. The views and terrain, of course are magnificent, ranging from stands of subtropical forests and alpine grassland, to bare rock near the summit.

The first stage to reach Yushan, is to travel to Alishan, Taiwan's premier mountain resort which can be reached either by an old railway or a newer road.

Nowadays, the road reaches all the way to Tungpu, 20 kilometers beyond Alishan, which is only about 12 kilometers from the summit of Yushan. From Tungpu, the path first zigzags before passing through a forest of dead trees and on to the Paiyun mountain cottage. It is best to spend the night at Paiyun before getting up early next morning to walk the remaining hour and a half to the summit.

The trip up Yushan can easily be completed in a long weekend although there is the irritation of obtaining a mountain permit to go beyond Alishan. The more adventurous, however, can continue on over the summit and pass through the enchanting meadow area of Patungwan before reaching another Tungpu, this time a hot springs resort much closer to sea level.

Although this path is narrow and dangerous in parts, the experience is one of the most rewarding in Taiwan's mountains.

After climbing the highest mountain, what could be more logical than to go for the second highest, Hsuehshan, or Snow Mountain, at 3,886 meters. This is located in northern Taiwan just to the north of Lishan on the Central Cross-Island Highway.

To start the Hsuehshan walk, it is first necessary to travel to the mountain resort and fruit growing area of Wuling Farm, just off the branch of the central Cross-Island Highway between Lishan and Ilan.

From the farm a well-marked path leads to the summit in about 11 hours, and there are mountain huts at about three hours and seven hours from the start.

As with Yushan, there are no particular problems in climbing Hsuehshan, except for the steepness and unpredictable weather. And, joy of joys, there is no need to obtain a mountain permit for Hsuehshan simply because there are no police stations in the area.

A mountain permit is definitely needed, however, for the third classic peak, the so-called "Matterhorn of Taiwan", Tapachienshan, which at 3500 meters is considerably lower than Yushan or Hsuehshan.

What it lacks in altitude, however, it makes up for in spectacular appearance, since the summit is entirely surounded by cliffs. It would be unclimbable without advanced techniques, but fortunately a ladder has been put up at the point where the cliffs are the lowest.

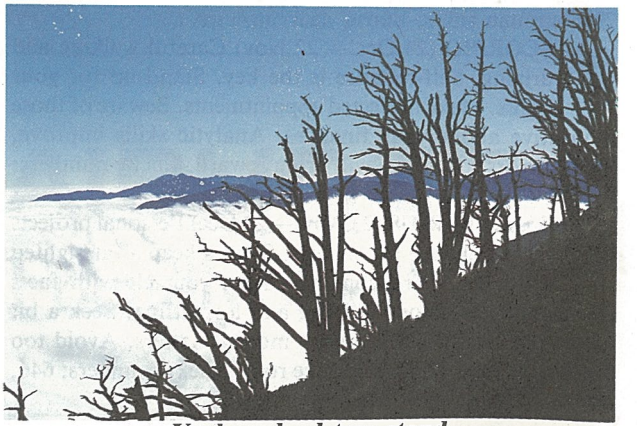
The permit is required because the area contains one of Taiwan's biggest military listening posts. Another disadvantage is that the walk starts near the end of a 60-kilometer forestry road, and arrangements must be made for transport unless you have time to walk the whole road. Sometimes, it is possible to obtain a lift, but this should not be counted on.

The actual road to Tapachienshan starts at Chutung in Hsinchu county, and takes four hours to traverse. An alternative would be to start at Wuling Farm and walk alongside the ridge to the mountain and then on down the road, although this involves camping for the night.

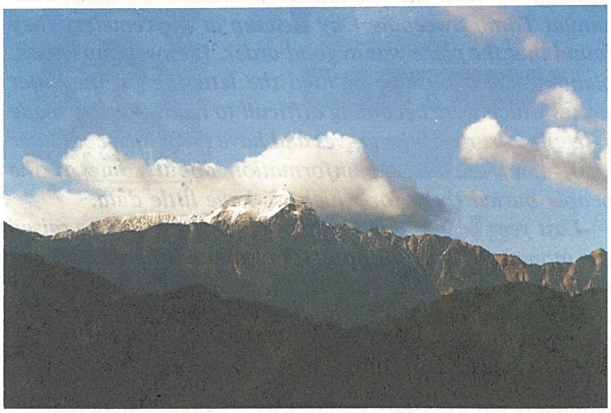
And finally, for those who do not feel they need the exercise, but would like to take in the views, there is always Hohuanshan, Taiwan's "tourist peak" whose summit can be almost reached by a branch of the central Cross-Island Highway from Tayuling.

To say you have climbed Hohuanshan, however, just to reach the Snow Pine Hostel ski resort is not quite good enough. The true summit is still an hour's walk away up a well-marked path, and the views make the effort worthwhile.

Unusual Yushan pathway



Yushan dead tree stand



Hsuehshan seen from Tapachienshan

Top hut on Hsuehshan

A word of warning is in order (apart from the advice on the weather given in our last month's article): Mountain huts are often a horror scene at weekends, as they are full of hikers, half of whom seem to go to bed at 2 a.m. and the other half getting up at that time. The result is absolute bedlam all night, and it is impossible to get any sleep. Cooking seems to take an interminable time, so you have to endure cooking noises and, worst yet, the smells thereof.

It's best, if the huts are full, to crawl as far away as possible and pitch your own tent. You will be more comfortable and get a good night's rest which is essential for the strenuous activities of the next day.

Mike Boydell

Next issue — the ultimate experience — ridge-walking.

Country Club Opportunity

Expats wishing to get into a newly developing exclusive country club, on either a private or corporate basis, are invited to look into the Eminence Club, being established near the Hsinchu Science Industrial Park, about 40 minutes drive from Taipei. Convenient for golfing, the club will include archery, bowling alley, riding trails, tennis courts, swimming, sauna, restaurants and other recreational facilities. For more information phone 507-1377.

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Adventurous Dining

The Wandering Chopsticks diners, led by Grapevine, meet once a month to visit various interesting Chinese restaurants around Taipei. You can join in the fun and experience unique culinary adventures at a per-meal target price of NT$350 (excluding drinks) Join this month by checking the notice on pg. 15. Your restaurant suggestions are also welcome.

Meet new and interesting folks while sampling fresh culinary delights.

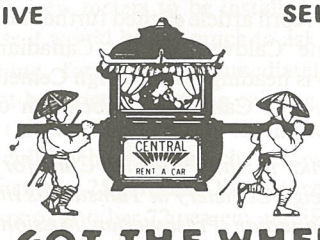
LUNAR HOROSCOPE

The lunar horoscope is a guide to daily activities (the dates are adjusted to the western calendar).

The dates given are all lucky except for those in brackets, which are bad. Good days mean fortune, luck or success. For example to open a new business on a lucky day will bring prosperity. Obviously "bad" days bode just the opposite.

ADOPTIONS	3,4,6,9,11,13,18,20, 21,23,25,30
BUSINESS NEWLY OPEN	3,6,7,11,16,18,30,31 ***(1,5,23)***
CONSTRUCTION	7,20,22 ***(8,9,16,21,23, 30)***
CONTRACT SIGNING	3,4,7,11,18,30 ***(23)***
DOOR HANGING	8,16,21,29
ENGAGEMENT	3,6,10,16,17,18,29,31
FUNERALS, BURIALS	1,3,4,6,7,8,9,10,14, 16,17,20,21, 22,25,26, 29 ***(5,13,19,23,24,28, 30,31)***
HOUSE CLEANING	9,10,21,22
HUNTING, FISHING	14,28,30
MACHINE INSTALLATION	25
MARRIAGES	3,4,6,8,11,16,17,19, 25,29,30,31 ***(1,5,10,18,20,22,24, 28)***
MEDICAL CONSULTATION	2,4,11,17,18,19,21,29
MOVING PREMISES	8,11,16,20,25,29 ***(1,3, 10,29,22,31)***
PLANTING	3 ***(1,8,10,13,18,28)***
SIGN HANGING	4,17,29
TRAVEL	1,7,11,19,31 ***(5,8,18, 22,29,30)***

SELF DRIVE RENTALS



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WHERE WE LIVE
Don't Forget *Our* Ghosts

The particulary fancy 1903 gravestone of an American Navy seaman

The seventh lunar month is Taiwan's Ghost Month, from 12 August through 10 September this year. The main celebration, or Chung-yuan Festival, falls on the 15th day or 26th August.

It is considered unlucky to begin any new projects or relations during this month when the ghosts, released from Hades, freely roam the earth.

The citizenry make special offerings of food and drink to make their visiting ancestral spirits happy during their brief sojourn on earth.

Much attention is given to appeasing the ghosts during their month of freedom since unhappy ghosts can create both minor and major misery amongst mortals.

All of this local color has been duly covered in past issues of Grapevine — but, we have forgotten those sixty-seven unappeased spirits of deceased expatriates which, over the past 118 years, have been consigned to the small, un-named and little known foreign cemetery in Tamsui.

Grapevine's interest in this historic plot of land began in March 1987 when a contingency of grave cleaners from the Propeller Club did a clean-up of the site. This article, in turn, brought the response of Prof. John Geddes, of Tam-kang University, who shed considerably more light on the subject.

In April of this year Grapevine revisited the foreign cemetery, for the occasion of Tomb Sweeping Day, with more pertinent information, especially the assortment of nationalities interred in Tamsui. These include the original burial of a Scotsman, followed by a Frenchman, Spaniard, German, Dane, American, Canadian, English, Finnish, Portugese, and numerous of unknown origin.

Again, the April article elicited further information from Miss Georgine Caldwell of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission, who is heading up a Foreign Cemetery Committee sponsored by The Canadian Association of Taipei, who wrote:

Many thanks to the Propeller Club for their concern about the Foreign Cemetery in Tamsui. As they noted in the article, the Canadian Presbyterian Missionary and other interested mission groups have hired a caretaker to keep the litter out and the weeds down. In March part of the wall near the road was knocked down. The people of the Tam Kang High School who are taking care of the cemetery informed me of this and within two weeks the wall was repaired. When the Canadian Association made their annual Tomb Sweeping Day cleanup at the cemetery they found that the place was in good order. We swept up leaves, planted azalea bushes, painted the lettering on the older stones which were becoming difficult to read. We also made a detailed listing of the graves and have them on a computer listing and are seeking information about some of the people buried there for which we have little data.

Last year we decided to replace the gate and have raised the money for that purpose. The gate is ordered and will be in place in the near future. The Tam Kang High School is helping us with the negotiations for this new gate.

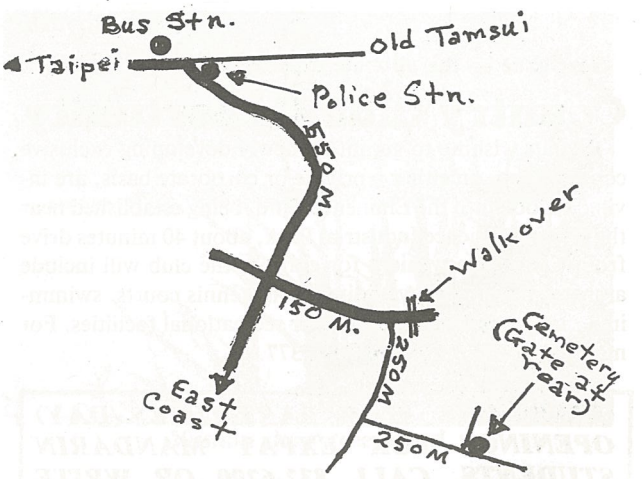
The Canadian Association has cooperated with the Canadian Presbyterian Missionaries in the care of this cemetery. On Tomb Sweeping Day we invited people from various ethnic associations to join us in that event. There were several people from the German community who joined us in sweeping the graves. We do not have the address of the Propeller Club so were unable to contact them about the event. We welcome any and all interested people to work with us and to give their suggestions so that this historic site can be properly cared for in the future.

Meanwhile the cemetery group has begun soliciting help from various international organizations in Taipei to raise funds. The committee would like to improve this historic site, which records the long history of international relationship with this island. There is still some land left which could best the used by requesting that future bodies be cremated and then buried in a section especially prepared for this type of burial.

The cemetery is not the property of the missionaries nor of the Canadian Society, but in the absence of any other organized group they are willing to care for it and try to get the approval of the authorities for future burial use. They need your suggestions, your help in doing the work and/or your donations toward the upkeep and repair of the cemetery.

Here we are then in the traditional Ghost Month with guite a number of unattended expatriate spirits in dire need of earthly attention and appeasement — make a ghost happy now by contacting Georgine Caldwell at 882-7892 in Taipei, Mr. Gunther Tetzner, representing the Propeller Club, at 752-1152, or by writing Grapevine at P.O. Box 28-186, Taipei.

Getting There



BY EASTERN WINDOWS

Artificial People

There it was, an apparently factual statement which created the local news sensation of the day by revealing that, "Taipei hospital has recently enabled a man to become a woman through a sex change operation."

For some reason this revelation rather dumbfounded this reader since, although I am not a religious person, I had somehow gone over halfway through a normal life span firmly believeing that what comes forth from the womb is pretty much unchangeable insofar as basic physical — or non-environmental — factors are concerned. But now, if I was to believe what I read, certain local plastic and non-plastic surgeons had been endowed with the ultimate and fundamental universal power of recreating life itself — at the flick of a scalpel John becomes Jane, Ms. Wong is transformed into Mr. Wong — Dr. Frankenstein is cannonized and his sainthood is imminent.

This news, as with similarly reported events from the west, over the past few decades, represents the utlimate in the manipulation of language — as a matter of fact *no one* since the beginning of time has been *changed* from a *gay* to a *straight* or turned to (or into) a *stud* or *dyke*. This termilogical confusion induces the observer to conclude that the surgeons' ability to make an apple out of a grape is fait accompli.

To put these feats of sensationalized medico-surgical dabbling into proper perspective we, the believing public, should be informed in such a manner so as to avoid confusing fact and fiction, for example: *"Man surgically mutated to resemble woman."*

Come on doctors, lets call a spade a spade, a changed male human being, no mater what parts, pieces or accessories are cut, sewn, channelled, lowered or chopped, is nothing more than a rework, an alteration of mother's original product. There is no trans-sexual, bi-sexual, tri-sexual or other man-made abberation, whether monkey, guinea pig or human, that is not what it was from the beginning — with the exception of totally artificial or accidental modifications.

If course, fact that there happen to be some numbers of these revised bodies roaming our earth, in their plastic worlds of pretension, might well be indicative of a future need to positively identify these third and fourth sexual genders to the world of normal, whole people. Perhaps future regulations will require corrections to birth documents, passports, etc. with the blank for sex filled in, not with male or female, but with a more appropriate description. Laws might well be passed requiring such individuals to declare their true physical status for purposes of employment, medical benefits, social welfare, etc. And, how about public toilets ?

Getting back into current-day perspective, one can only wonder in what direction sex-alterations are going here on Taiwan. Is this *adventure into medical sculpturing* going to become a fad? Will the Veterans General be vying with NTU

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BYE-THE-BYE

Taxis On The Rise

The cabbies of Taiwan are indeed a fortunate lot — where else can one performing this relatively menial task out-earn most skilled workers in the nation plus many highly qualified white collar workers with university degrees ?

And now, with any fairly ambitious cabble already able to pull down NT$30,000 per month or more, this truly fortunate group will soon not only be getting a hefty increase in fare income but also time and late-night allowances.

Even this blow to the public's collective pocketbook might not be so bad if so many of these so-called, drivers weren't such obnoxious louts piloting ill-kempt rattletraps around at suicidal speeds while breaking every traffice law known to man or beast.

What, may we ask, are the passengers going to benefit from this taxi drivers' windfall ? Will they get to ride in cleaner and better maintained cars, enjoy proper courteousy, or safer driving ? Will reports of rapes and molestation by taxi drivers suddenly cease because the night drivers will get a 20 percent bonus? All of this is, of course, highly doubtful.

The government has warned that they will resume issuing taxi licences (which have been frozen to avoid exessive competition) if the quality of service does not improve during the initial six-month period of new fares. But, this has to do with cars, not drivers and does little, if anything, to prevent ongoing infractions by habitual offenders, especally those with psychological problems. And, of course, new drivers introduced along with newly licensed cars would pretty much have to learn most of the old licensee's driving habits just to be able to compete. The real cure would seem to lie in the establishment of very heavy penalties for professional drivers (van, truck and bus drivers included) with suspension of driver's permits, temporary or permanent suspension of taxi licences combined with hefty fines — making it *just not worthwhile* to hassle passengers other drivers or flaunt their disdain for traffic regulations.

As demanded by the taxi drivers, and despite the Consumer's Foundation protestations, the new fares will be NT$35 for the first 1500 meters and NT$5 for each additional 400 meters.

Clocked meter time will be charged at NT$5 for every 5 minutes the car goes slower than 5 kph. Between 11PM and 5AM there will be a 20 percent surcharge.

Just to get things off to a confused start, it will take about 3½ months for new meters to be installed in all taxis.

We suppose it would be too much to ask the authorities to do something, for once, to immediately improve the passengers' lot by strictly screening existing taxi drivers — but of course this would practically eliminate the entire taxi force — just culling the betel nut chewers would decimate their ranks by at least 25 percent. Observance of traffic laws would take care of another 72 percent and if the latter were primary criteria the betel nut chewers would be eliminated in the first round. Oh well, one can dream... arriving with unsoiled clothes and unfrayed nerves, all at the correct, unhassled fare! O

TOWARD BETTER HEALTH

To lengthen thy life, lessen thy meals.

B. FRANKLIN, 1733

Vocal Cord Care

How can you protect your vocal cords, one of the least cared-for parts of the anatomy?

It's not difficult, just remember that your voice is part of your entire body. So get enough sleep, exercise, eat good food and don't smoke.

If you feel the symptoms of a cold or other respiratory illness coming on, increase your intake of fluids. It is also recommended to take a vitamin C supplement.

In a situation in which you have to overwork your voice, try to subsitute paperwork for talking. Think of your voice as if it's sprained ankle. If you had one, you wouldn't run a race.

Here are some additional tips:

- If your throat is sore, avoid crowded, noisy rooms where you are forced to speak loudly and are exposed to lots of smoke.
- Don't strain your voice by trying to compete with traffic noise while riding in a vehicle.
- If you are in a dry environment over a long period—such as the cabin of a jet airplane—drink plenty of fluids to keep your throat moist.
- If you have laryngitis, refrain from using your voice. Write notes instead.
- If the weather is dry and your throat is in danger of losing moisture, slowly heat a pot of water and inhale the vapor each time you pass by. A humidifier running in the bedroom at night helps even more,

If your throat is uncomfortable, ingest something soothing like chicken soup.

At such a time, avoid milk products, because they produce mucus. O

The Mucus Story

Every membrane in the body is coated with a thin film of mucus. It has various functions in different places, but generally it serves to provide the membrane with a lubricating fluid, usually containing some white blood cells and immune proteins which help protect the membrane against invasion by foreign materials and keeps the tissues from drying out. All enzyme reactions in the body take place in a fluid medium. The absence of moisture is damaging to the cells composing such membranes Recall how your nose feels when you're in an overheated room and everything gets dried out.

The entire respiratory and gastrointestinal tract are subject to all the hostile elements present in our atmosphere. The mucus layer helps trap dirt particles and microorganisms and not only neutralizes the germs and viruses but with the aid of cilia, hairlike fibers that sweep the area by their wave-like action, actually propel such materials back up to the throat and nose where they can be sneezed, coughed or spit out. Here is a substance that does a lot of good for us.

In the presence of irritation, inflammation or disease processes, too much may be produced and then its presence becomes obvious to its owner. That's not the time to get mad at the mucus. It's only trying to do its job against overwhelming odds. The clue is to reduce the irritation which has set up the abnormal situation and the mucus will respond to the change in conditions.

It should be obvious to smokers that extra mucus is produced by the irritant effect of the smoke and tobacco. They either cough, spit, swallow or learn to ignore the stuff. Others, learn to like the feeling of "bringing it all up" and feel they've done a great service to their body. Once the mucus production slows down or stops you feel like you've lost an old friend and everything feels tightened up. It really isn't, but it takes time for an adjustment to occur.

People who give up smoking often complain of all the problems that begin once they quit the habit. But that doesn't justify continuing a destructive habit. Forget about whether the phlegm stays in or gets out. Your body knows how to handle the situation and it will do what it has to do. O

Veggie Smoking Cure

It's easier to give up smoking if the smoker switches to a vegetarian diet.

This was one of the finings the Society for the Prevention of Smoking in Israel. It takes about a year for a heavy smoker to eliminate nicotine from the body, and while this is happening the acidity of the body increases, causing general tension and discomfort.

Since meat, fish, and eggs aggravate this condition, switching to fruit, vegetables, cheese, and milk will help the body cope with the changes and reduce discomfort.

A pinch of bicarbonate of soda mixed in a glass of water taken regularly also helps because of its alkalinity. O

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People who lose their tempers always seem to have a spare

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Cocaine Lies.

No one thinks the things described here will ever happen to them.

You can't get addicted to cocaine.

Cocaine was once thought to be non-addictive, because users don't have the severe *physical* withdrawal symptoms of heroin-delirium, muscle-cramps, and convulsions.

However, cocaine is intensely addicting *psychologically.*

In animal studies, monkeys with unlimited access to cocaine self-administer until they die. One monkey pressed a bar 12,800 times to obtain a single dose of cocaine. Rhesus monkeys won't smoke tobacco or marijuana, but 100% will smoke cocaine, preferring it to sex and to food—even when starving.

Like monkey, like man.

If you take cocaine, you run a minimal 10% chance of addiction. The risk is higher the younger you are, and may be as high as 50% for those who smoke cocaine. (Some crack users say they felt addicted from the *first time* they smoked.)

When you're addicted, all you think about is getting and using cocaine. Family, friends, job, home, possessions, and health become unimportant.

Because cocaine is expensive, you end up doing what all addicts do, steal, cheat, lie, deal, sell anything and everything, including yourself, while you risk imprisonment. Don't forget . . ., cocaine is illegal.

There's no way to tell who'll become addicted. But one thing is certain, no addict, set out to become one.

Just once can't hurt you.

Cocaine hits your heart before it hits your head. Your pulse rate rockets and your blood pressure soars. Even if you're only 15, you become a prime candidate for a heart attack, a stroke or an epileptic-type fit.

In the brain, cocaine mainly affects a primitive part where the emotions are seated. Unfortunately, this part of the brain also controls your heart and lungs.

A big hit or a cumulative overdose may interrupt the electrical signal to your heart and lungs. They simply stop; that's how basketball player Len Bias died.

If you're unlucky the first time you do coke, your body might lack the chemical that breaks down the drug, in which case, you'll be a first time O.D.

Sex with coke is amazing

Cocaine's powers as a sexual stimulant have never been proved or disproved. However, the evidence seems to suggest that the drug's reputation alone serves to heighten sexual feelings. (The same thing happens in Africa, where natives swear by powdered rhinoceros horn as an aphrodisiac.)

What's is certain is that continued use of cocaine leads to impotence and complete loss of interest in sex.

It'll make you feel great.

Cocaine makes you feel like new. The only trouble is, the first thing the new person wants is more cocaine.

After the high wears off, you may feel a little anxious, irritable, or depressed. You've got the coke blues. But fortunately, they're easy to fix, with a few more lines or another hit on the pipe.

Of course, sooner or later you have to stop. Then—for days at a time—you may feel lethargic, depressed, or suicidal.

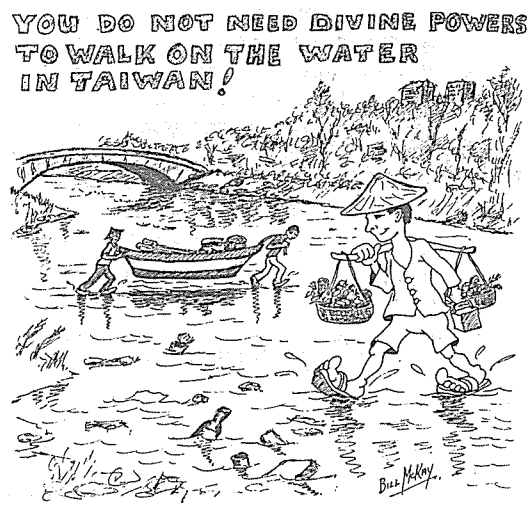
Says Dr. Arnold Washton, a leading cocaine expert, "It's impossible for the nonuser to imagine the deep, vicious depression that a cocaine addict suffers from." O

Expat's Pollution Cartoon Honored

The government approved Environmental Protection association recently launched a nation-wide anti-pollution cartoon competition which attracted a large number of entries in three basic categories; high schools, universities, and others. At a recent awards ceremony, Taipei expat Mr. W.E. McKay, apparently the only expat to have entered the contest, was given a *"special mention"* for one of his cartoons (two were required).

Mr. McKay's cartoons, reproduced below, depict an aspect of life on Taiwan that the concerned authorities are now urgently high-lighting and, through extensive educational programs and other direct action, are intent on eradicating. Mr. McKay urges fellow expats to give their understanding and whole-hearted support in this unenviable task that confronts the EPA.

The cartoon at left received the honor.



Making Business Travel Easier

Whether you are on an unlimited expense account or you aren't that far up the ladder, it never hurts to look for a bargain, especially as value for money in travel does not always depend on how much you pay. For example, it is sometimes possible to fly First class for little more more than the price of a Business-class ticket, or to stay at a super-class hotel for about the same price as a second-rater. On the other hand, there's no sense going for economy if it's flexibility you need. A discount ticket can be costly if you suddenly have to change an itinerary.

The watchword for the state-of-the-art traveller is always to expect the unexpected (Murphy's Law). The most carefully planned itinerary can fall apart if you're kept waiting for three days for a meeting in Africa or the Middle East. Snow can strike in New York leading to a bundle of broken appointments.

Travel expertise means clecking out the options not only before you go but also imagining 'What if?' situations once you're on the road. The knowledgeable traveller will minimize hassle and expense by having alternatives in mind before starting out.

Next, check out your travel agent. A good agent should provide a computerised service. Does your agent give you a kickback on turnover? (This could be from two to five per cent depending on the size of your account.)

Do you get the benefit of bulk discounts for air tickets and hotel rooms? A good agent knows the ins and outs of promotional fare offers and can juggle routes and sectors on normal fares. It is also important to know when your agent can be reached in case of any ticketing/reservation problems enroute.

No matter how good a service you're getting from a travel agent, you can never be sure they are always choosing the most economical or the best way to go. Agents earn 'over-ride' commissions on some carriers and some routes, which can be as high as 40 per cent. Apart from not passing them on to you, they may be biased in sending you on a particular routing or airline.

Don't forget to check out the following: —

Hotel deals: Everyone should be able to save at least five per cent and as much as 50 per cent off the 'rack-rate' or walk-in rate, at most hotels, depending on where you go and the time of year. Benefits can come not only as cash but as privileges such as a double for the price of a single, fast check-in, late check-out and other frills. Sometimes you can get both savings and frills. If you travel a lot to a particular city, consider patronising just one hotel. Even 15 to 20 room nights a year may make you a special customer.

Round-the-world fares. If you are travelling at least halfway around the world in either direction, consider a RTW ticket, which can save you up to 40 per cent on the full Economy or Business-class fare Starting in the Far East, a typical routing might take you to the Middle East and on to Europe. You could then go on to North or South America. There are dozens of prices and options for RTW, as well as restrictions regarding advance booking and number of stopovers, but it is well worth checking.

Weekend Breaks or stopovers: Some airlines offer free 24-hour packages for passengers in transit on long-haul flights. Others offer inexpensive hotel deals. Hotel chains and individual properties are falling over each other to offer breaks to frequent travellers.

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The trip itself should be kept short. Some experts believe that two weeks are long enough for any trip; when you're away a third week, your efficiency falls off (especially when crossing several time zones; you feel more jet lag flying east, but going west you're tempted to wear yourself out by extending your working day) and schedule changing can turn out to be a nightmare.

Be prudent when it comes to luggage. Try to restrict yourself to carry-on luggage whenever possible. You shouldn't need more than two suits, one jacket that serves as a blazer, half a dozen shirts and maybe a spare pair of shoes. Most women executives can travel just as light. Dramatic jewellery and a selection of blouses and sweaters mean you can dress in the same skirt.

Carry-on luggage has become a serious issue, especially outside of the Far East. You can still get away at most airports with two pieces measuring up to 22 × 19 × 6 inches. One gambits is: 'Look, I've got a lot of fragile equipment in the bag.' If you do have to check baggage, never consign vital papers to the risk of loss or misrouting. It just adds to your normal paranoia. And remember that excess baggage rates are outrageous — each excess kilogram costs one percent of normal First-class fare.

The bottom line is that state-of-the-art business travel is a state of mind; a belief that somewhere out there in the travel jungle is a buyer's market. O

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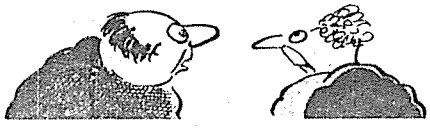


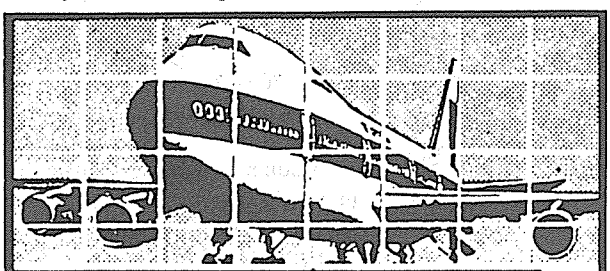
"Talk about jet lag . . ."

New Coca-Cola Prexy

Larry E. Teague recently assumed the post of President, Taiwan Coca-Cola Bottling Co., replacing Patrick C. Smyth who is promoted to Bottlers Operations Mgr, Coca-Cola Central Pacific Ltd., located in Hong Kong.

Mr. Teague, has over sixteen years experience in the manufacturing and marketing of carbonated soft drinks, eight of which have been with Coca-Cola. He hails from San Antonio, Texas.

Taiwan Coca-Cola also markets Sprite, Fanta, Diet Coke, Cherry Coke and Aquarius on this market.



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Panalpina VIP Visits

Mr. Andre Steiger, Deputy Director of Panalpina World Transport, headquarted in Switzerland, made a four day visit here last month.

Mr. Steiger praised the activities of Panalpina's Taiwan Offices under the able management of Mr. Philip Schombs.

An admirer of Chinese culture and philosophy, Mr. Steiger toured scenic and cultural attractions during his stay. He also extolled the diligence of Panalpina's Chinese staff.

Mr. Steiger, a 30-year veteran in the transport industry, revealed Panalpina's remarkable business growth of 50 percent over the previous year.

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Taipei Hilton Appoints Bamberg

The appointment of Michael Bamberg as Manager of Hilton International Taipei, effective 1st August, was announced by James A. Smith, Hilton International Division Director for HK, Taiwan and China.

Mr. Bamberg, the fourth generation of hoteliers in his family, was born and raised in Luxembourg and graduated from the Institute of Strasbourg, France, where he majored in hotel and tourism studies.

Prior to joining Hilton International in 1973, Mr. Bamberg had experience in several well-known European hotels and restaurants including "Lassere" in Paris and the Paris Inter-Continental Hotel. Since joining Hilton, he spent three years at the Singapore Hilton and most recently has been resisdent manager at the Hong Kong Hilton.

Ziengs New ABN GM

Mr. Dennis J. Ziengs has been appointed General Mgr. of ABN Bank in Taiwan.

With extensive experience in the Far East, including Japan and Korea, Mr. Ziengs has been with the Continental Illinois National Bank which will be taken over in Taiwan by the HBU Bank Taiwan, a wholly owned subsidiary of the ABN Bank. The ABN/HBU will then rank in the top-four foreign commerical banks here.

ABN Bank is the largest international bank in the Netherlands, with about 1000 branches in 43 countries world-wide.

Dennis Ziengs is a native of The Netherlands and is accompanied by his wife, Georgina.

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J.H. Bachmann Owner visits

Mrs. Rita Dubbers-Albrecht, Royal Danish Consul and owner of J.H. Bachmann International Forwarders (headquartered in Bremen/Germany) visited Taipei recently. She had discussions with various companies and clients here and visited the JHB representation office which has been active since beginning of this year.

J.H. Bachmann, founded in 1775, is one of Europe's oldest firms in this field, and today employs 1100 staff worldwide at 46 branches and subsidiaries in Europe, the Americas, Africa and Asia.

The main purpose of Ms. Dubbers-Albrecht visit was to finalize the founding of the J.H. Bachmann (Asia), Taiwan Branch Office that should open 8.8.88, and to visit JHB's sole agent, Hallmark Transport/Super Air Express. This new branch office will predominantly be involved in oceanfreight to and from Taiwan plus airfreight and JHB's sea/air-system to Europe.

J.H. Bachmann is already amongst the top five forwarders in the ROC for sea/air traffic to Europe via Singapore, and the only shipping company employing an expatriate to service this traffic exclusively.

The J.H. Bachmann-group in the Pacific basin has expanded rapidly, now operating offices in Hong Kong, Singapore and Taiwan and will soon be opening representation branches in Thailand and Korea. J.H. Bachmann (California) based in Los Angeles, opened on 1.7.88 and is headed by Eduard Dubbers-Albrecht.

J.H. Bachmann pioneered for airfreight. The cotton bales on this lorry were forwarded by the company from the USA to Bremen on board a Zeppelin air-ship.

Wolfgang Schubert, Taiwan Branch Manager of JHB is an industry veteran with shipping and forwarding experience in Germany, the US, France, Cameroon, Switzerland and Taiwan.

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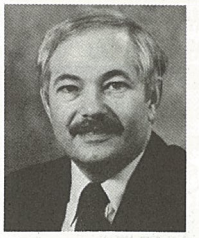

Allan C. Kilberg was recently appointed new Managing Director of 3M Taiwan Ltd. and 3M Taiwan Trading Ltd. by the respective Boards of Directors.

Mr. Kilberg joined 3M in 1966 as a technical service engineer in reflective products. He has held a variety of positions in the firm, mainly in sales and marketing. He served as business unit director in the design products. automotive systems division since 1987.

Allan joins the ranks of Taiwan, expatriate community together with his wife Kathy and daughter Kristn.

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The Spice Market Restaurant proved to be a very pleasant surprise, which is unusual (the pleasant part — not the surprise) in these days of new eateries opening almost daily.

The environs of this smallish establishment are very comfortable with tastefully co-ordinated decor and authentic background music thrown in to top off the cozy South-east Asian atmosphere.

The manageress, Amy, was efficient and courteous, with a ready explanation for all of the tempting offerings which are based on Thai/Indonesian specialties.

As often happens in nice places with intriguing menus, my partner and I ordered enough for a small army in a vain attempt to get a taste of everything — and *(forgetting all about calorie counts)* it was a most delicious and enjoyable repast.

Most notable amongst our choice were the Chicken Sate (chicken chunks on a stick) in a super sauce; Mung Bean Pancake — a must item at the Spice Market; Mutton Curry — absolutely delicious; Fish in Banana Leaf — a real classic not to be missed. For dessert the Coconut Pancake with Almonds and Ice Cream was nominated without regrets. Many other tempting delights were left untried.

For those un-advanturous souls, the Spice Market has a set menu at the grand sum of NT$480 *for two persons* which produces a dinner of Chicken Sate, Veggie Soup with Meatballs, Thai-Style Fruit Salad, and choices of Curried Chicken or Stewed Pork; Coconut Pancake or Coconut Pudding; tea or coffee.

Whether you like your dishes hot or mild, Amy adjusts the spices to suit individual tastes.

The Spice Market is open daily, noon til 2 PM for lunch and 6 — 10 PM for dinner.

The restaurant, located in Tien-mou, can be reached by taking Chung-cheng Rd. (turn east off of Chung-shan N. Rd. at the Rolls-Royce showroom) up to the second stop light, which is Teh-shing East Rd., turn right — Spice Market is in the second block on the right side of the road. One can also take Teh-shing E. Rd east from Chung-shan N. Rd. (same road as the VFW is on), crossing (the very wide) Chung-cheng Rd. up to the eatery. The address is 196-1 Teh-shing E. Rd., Tien-mou , Telephone 832-9416 .

Hardly Heart Food

One of our intrepid English-language dailies informed it's readers recently that one of those U.S.-origin fast foodies is *"recommended by the American Heart Association..."*

Quickly searching out my Fast Food Guide which tells one *"what's good, what's bad, and how to tell the difference."* This factual reference quickly confirmed my suspicions about any heart association boosters club cheering for this quickly-mealy chain.

In any event, I took up the gauntlet and sallied forth for a hand-to-mouth engagement with this adversary of righteous health nuts.

Upon entering Arby's roast beef emporium I got right to the heart of the matter (no pun intended) and ordered a Regular Roast Beef sandwich and a salad bowl — at the counter in true FF fashion — and with tray properly loaded removed myself to a table.

Upon biting into the multiple layers of paper-thin sliced roast beef stuffed into a bun I knew the old Fast Food Guide told no lies. It was salty — and that is the thing hypertenison is made of — and although that beef looks lean, according to the Guide, it gets about 38 percent of it's calories from fat. These factors go up with the Beef'n Cheddar and even further with the Bac'n Cheddar Roast Beef Sandwich with 55 percent of calories from fat.

The only thing that did my heart good at Arby's was the anniversary celebration 40 percent discount. O

Diner's Trivia

1. What nation has the highest *Coffee* consumption per capita?
2. How much raw sap is needed to make 1 gal. (4 liters) of *Maple sugar*?
3. Where were *potato chips* (American terminology) invented?
4. To what kind of food does the name *Wadakin* belong?
5. What is the best temperature at which to preserve frozen foods?
6. What are the traditional ingredients of the Scottish *Haggis*?
7. The largest supplier of the world's *pineapples* is where?
8. What are the orthodox ingredients of *Thousand Island Dressing*?
9. Describe a *George Washington Pie*.
10. How many teaspoons to a *tablespoon*?

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Ingredients

6 egg yolks, beaten
⅔ c. honey
1½ grated carrots
½ tsp. vanilla
1 c. sifted whole-wheat flour
½ tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. nutmeg
6 egg whites, beaten stiff

Mix together the egg yolks, honey, grated carrots, and vanilla. Sift together the flour, salt, nutmeg, and cinnamon. Alternately fold the egg yolk mixture and flour into the stiff egg whites. Keep the stirring to a minimum. Gently turn into a lightly buttered and floured nine-by-nine-inch (20 × 20 cm) square pan or a tube pan. Bake in a preheated oven at 325 degrees (160 C) for one hour and 15 minutes, or until golden and the cake springs back when touched. Invert to cool in pan. When cool make a: —

Cream Cheese Frosting

8 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 c. butter, softened
⅓ c. honey
1 tsp. vanilla

Cream the cream cheese and butter together until well-blended. Beat in the honey and then the vanilla.

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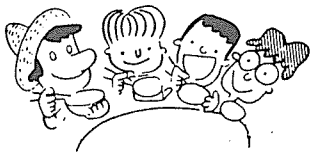

WANDERING CHOPSTICKS

Porkless Sweet-and-Sour

Grapevine's poor man's gastronomic chopsticks wandered to a Chinese vegetarian restaurant in July after unintentional nonwandering in June. The choice, Miao Shiang Lin Vegetarian Restaurant (妙香林素菜餐廳) was a well air-conditioned culinary marvel offering good food cheap in an atmosphere elegant enough to take your best girl for on a "classy" evening.

Different things drive people into vegetarian restaurants: curiousity, religious belief, humanitarian concerns, gastronomic taste and health or weight problems. While the recent Grapevine soiree was perhaps not as diverse as this, it was still a good lively mix of English and Chinese conversation.

The restaurant is located on Nanking E. Rd. near Shinsheng N. Rd. Lucky for linguistically lacking foreigners, there is a maitresse d' there — she may even be an owner or wife of an owner — who speaks pretty good English. She offered the Grapevine group recommendations for the following dishes, sprinkled with humor best understood by herself.

The first of the evening's vegetarian delights were mushrooms in a sizzling porcelain bowl (菜心扒菇). This savory dish entailed mushrooms and two other vegetables— one of them looked like fine bamboo shoots — in a tasty gravy.

The next was a vegetarian knockoff of the classical sweet and sour pork (糖醋排骨). Like its cousin, which is served in shopping-mall Chinese and "Polynesian" restaurants across the United States, this "pork" dish had all the classical fixings: delicious sweet and sour sauce (ketchup, vinegar and sugar?), thick crispy-fried batter, plus a couple of wedges of tomato and pineapple. All the fixings, that is, except for the pork, but whatever was inside tasted great.

The meal's straight vegetable dish was a mixed platter of stirfried vegetables including mushrooms, greens, string beans and a light gravy with a trace of garlic. Those who have ordered a stir-fried vegetable dish in a Thai restaurant have probably seen this dish before. It is attractively arranged and a safe bet.

Also served was a corn soup featuring small pieces of corn-still-on-the-cob, and a mixed platter with Japanese-style sushi on one side and Taiwanese-style fried vegetarian oysters.

For a little spice we also ordered a mildly hot, Szechuan-style "mapo tofu" (麻婆豆腐). This was identical to dishes served in many non-vegetarian restaurants in Taipei, except like the dish described just above, it left out the pork.

Including one bowl of rice each for the hungriest "chopstickers," the bill came to NT$186 per person, a price which given the atmosphere, cleanliness, service and cuisine at the restaurant, would please the tightest Western or Chinese pocketbook. This price excluded beer, because . . . well, there was none.

Miao Shiang Lin is located at 2Fl. No. 11, Nanking E. Rd., Sec. 2. Tel. 531-2132. Reservations, short of Buddhst holy days, should be unnecessary.

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August's adventure is now aiming toward Hunanese food. If we hear of nothing better, we will go on the recommendation of one regular's father, who is a native of central Hunan and has told us of his Taipei favorites.

T.N. Woof

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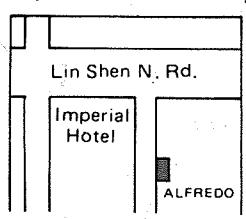

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Hilton offers a *Japanese Buffet* in the Coffee Shop 1 — 20 Aug. and a *"Chocolate Craze"* promotion the entire month. The Hunan Restaurant's August feature is *"Mushroom Specialty."* A *"U.S. Meat Promotion"* including all types of seafood and meats will be held in Traders Grill 1 — 13th, and a special dinner on the 18th for *Chinese Lovers Day*. La Pizzeria will offer a *Ravioli* spread for the month. Tel. 311-5151.

Howard Plaza: August 1-10 the Miyama Japanese Restaurant is holding a special summer Tohhoku Festival.

The delicacies offered are representative of the cuisine of northeastern Japan and consist of: a succulent vegetable appetizer, followed by milk beancurd soup with carrots, radish and vegetable buds. Fresh carp sashimi with stone leeks will be the next course, after which a dish of baked bream will be served. The chef's special, an entree of steamed cockles in yellow vinegar sauce with cucumbers, is next, followed by abalone with green peppers and Cold vermicelli. Desert is a cooling sherbet. Tel. 700-2323 for reservations.

Royal's Nakayama restaurant will feature a special 12-course menu for Tanabata ("Lovers' Eve" on the seventh day of seventh lunar month) from Aug. 12 — 18 at both lunch and dinner.

Besides cold egg custard, the appetizers will include marinated abalone, curry-flavored duck and fried prawn. Among other delicacies are cold pea soup, sashimi, grilled eel and sushi. For reservations, call 542-3266 ext. 328.

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COMPUTER TALK

PC Loving Care

In the old days before the semiconductor revolution brought the gift of Personal Computing to mankind, computer installations were a major item of infrastructure. Thousands of dollars went into climate control and power regulation equipment for the protection of what, after all, was hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of computer. Now that you can have own machine for a few hundred bucks, of course you are not going to build a glass-enclosed annex for it or string a special utility pole to the power company. Too bad, because guess what — your rugged little PC is subject to the same sort of stresses that the old dinosaurs were.

Take a look at an integrated circuit: a "chip". Solid through and through, with no moving parts, what makes it work is a minute "doping" of impurities that changes the electrical characteristics of an otherwise pure substrate in a predictable and desirable manner. Some of those impurities may drift or leach out of the substrate by Brownian movement over a period of several centuries, but aside from that what could go wrong? Yet IC's do break down, even on the shelf.

The mortal enemies of an IC (and thus, most modern electronic equipment) are static electricity and heat. Heat seldom really becomes a problem — where it's too hot for a computer it generally is too hot for an operator, and most of us situate our equipment where we can work on it most comfortably. The heat generated inside the computer itself is pretty much taken care of by a built-in cooling fan (unless the vents are stopped up), and most printed circuit board designers do pay attention to heat tolerances. There are exceptions though: mad engineers who will point to the spec sheets, Maximum Operating Temperature — 150°C, and be darned if they don't design the circuit to operate at that temperature! Then you end up with a pretty effective, if short-lived, space heater, or more spectacularly a circuit board full of black popcorn.

Static electricity is something else altogether. You can't see it and you hardly ever feel it. Consider: on a dry day you can accumulate a three to five thousand volt static charge on your body just by walking across the room. Pull on a sweater, run your hands through your hair and then pick up a brand-new IC, especially one of those low current CMOS types . . . pow — fried chip. But not to get paranoid: while static electricity is an ubiquitous phenomenon — almost any two objects rubbing together generate some kind of charge — air of average humidity carries it away almost as fast it forms, and the ICs inside your computer are pretty much isolated from the outside world. (If you ever do have to touch an IC inside your computer, rest your hand on the case of the power supply first to bleed off any static charge you may be carrying). Static electricity generated by the computer itself (the rotor brush on the hard disk, ionization from the video screen, etc.) or introduced externally is safely conducted through the metal chassis into the ground.

Which brings us to the $64 question: your computer is

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properly grounded, isn't it? Actually, I'd be rather surprised if you said "yes". While your computer came furnished with a three-pronged power connector, almost no home wiring system I've seen here is furnished with three-hole receptacles (only about 15% of homes in the U.S. have them). What you are expected to do is buy an adapter plug that fits into a two-hole receptacle, plug the three-pronged plug into the adapter, and then connect the green wire to a good ground. DO NOT BREAK OFF THE THIRD PRONG — that will void your warranty (if you have one). Finding a good ground might be a problem. Most electrical and plumbing fixtures used here are plastic once they get past the wall. The only one you can be reasonably sure is metal all the way down into the earth is the gas pipe, if you have piped-in gas. The alternative is to sink a metal stake into the earth as deeply as you can (the book says 8 feet) and run a wire from that as your ground. Otherwise, just connect the green wire to a mounting screw on the receptacle plate and hope for the best.

How important is it to ground your computer? Actually, the ground circuit is primarily intended for your protection; any stray current that could be dangerous or even uncomfortable for the operator would naturally prefer the lower resistance of a ground cable to a human body. The aforementioned static charges are similarly absorbed. Here's another potential problem: when two or more pieces of equipment are connected to the AC line, they sometimes develop a voltage difference between them. In one case, I've measured a potential of up to 60 volts AC. A current would tend to flow between them, producing a tingle or a sharp jolt, garbling data, or damaging ICs, depending on the best path the current can find. Having all the equipment connected to a common ground would short out any such current.

Anyway, here's the bottom line: I haven't seen a personal computer that wasn't properly grounded that performed for more than three years without requiring repairs. There may be a non sequitur in that syllogism somewhere, but that's that.

By way of a parting shot, if you are going to call up a friend and have him spend five hours recovering data from a crashed hard disk for the price of a cup of coffee, the very least you can do is clean the grime off of your keyboard first. Just get a bottle of that window washing product (you know, the one with dozens of uses?), spray a little on an old terry cloth — not into your machine! — and sponge off the dirt. The same cleaner works well on the face of your video monitor and the plastic parts of your CPU, printer and other doodads. It is rumored that the full treatment also inhibits static build-up and destroys the egg deposits of programming bugs.

The Author, Stan Firme, is a well-known Taipei computer consultant. Readers seeking computer advice can phone Stan at (02)835-7587 (see classified section).

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Artificial People, cont'd . . .

and Chang Gung to create the island's sexiest trans-sexual? And to what ultimate purpose? Are there not more worthy goals for the local medical community than producing faked humanoids under the guise of reaching some milestone in surgical accomplishment? Are there not enough unfortunates who would be happy just to be given a better chance at living normally in, or with, their malformed or crippled bodies in the sex with which they were originally endowed?

The perverted surgical sex-sensationalism that has been running in the west, and more recently in the seamier sex pits of Asia, is neither desired nor needed here. Taiwan does not need the Christine Jorgensen image. There are plenty of emminently worthwhile medical feats to be accomplished which do not cater to the narrow psychological problems of a few souls lost in an abyss of moral degeneration stemming predominantly from parental and eviromental sources.

If the criteria for the consideration, let alone performance, of such purely sex-related surgery were properly and scientifically determined — based on absoute truths — the phenomenon would be virtually non-existent.

Pertinent brain features, chromosome make-up and genetic indicators can be used to determine and identify true sexual aberrations. The expertise of the Chinese medical profession directed toward identifying and aiding these true unfortunates is something to be desired — the cosmetic camouflage of the psychologically disoriented, under the guise of surgical expertise is not. ***Cyril B. Dilling***

U.S. Military Recruits Enticed By Local Watches

According to a July 12th CP report, a local digital watch, the Xonix *"are a key item used to draw young Americans to join the armed forces."*

We must therefore assume that the reported switch *to Xonix from American manufacturers* and the relative sale of 100,000 watches this year will help net 100,000 poverty-stricken American youths otherwise unable to afford such luxury. Maybe the CP could borrow this idea to recruit a few editors? Anyway, whatever happened to those Mickey Mouse timepieces to draw young Americans into kindergarten? O

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SPORTS & PASTIMES

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Laban	*36.5*	*AIT*	*22.0*
Firebugs	*32.0*	*JDA*	*18.5*
Whozzat	*24.0*	*Cooties*	*18.0*
MCFPP	*23.0*	*Sam's*	*18.0*

Individual highs were held by the below-named gentlemen.

Bill Rovan (MCFPP) *High Series, scratch 635*
William Chu (JDA) *High Series, Handi. 643*
Larry Lawrence (Firebugs) *High Game, scratch 234*
Larry Lawrence (Firebugs) *High Game, Handi. 248*

The summer league will end with the Aug. 23rd games The Fall-Winter League is expected to commence mid-September. Interested bowlers can call Stan Firme at 835-7587.

Olympic Trivia

1. Name the Ethiopian runner who is the only person to have won the Olympic marathon twice (1960, 1964) running barefoot the first time.
2. What British runner, who won the 100 meter in the 1924 Olympics, was the subject of the film *Chariots of Fire*?
3. Which country won the first medal when the Olympics were revived in Greece in 1896?
4. Who is the only person to have won the Olympic decathlon twice?
5. Who was the only person not given a sex test in the 1976 Montreal Olympic equestrian riding event?
6. In what year were the first Olympic games held in Greece?
7. Who received a bronze medal for skiing, in the 1924 Olympics, 50 years later due to a belated scoring error discovery?
8. Who won the heavyweight boxing gold In the 1972, 1976 and 1980 Olympics?
9. Who is the only athlete to win the same Olympic track and field event four times in a row?
10. What is the *Olympic cross*?
11. In what year was the ancient Olympics discontinued?
12. How many modern Olympiads have been cancelled and for what reasons?

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Some people are like fences – they run around at lot without getting anywhere.

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Located in the former Art Guild premises at 7, Lane 728, Chung-shan N. Rd. Sec. 6, the open hours are 1PM — 5PM and again at 7PM — 9PM (by appointment only in the evenings), Tues. through Fri. For further information call 871-8465.

Da Guan Yuan is scheduled to open to the public on 15th August.

Dungeon's & Dragons Arrives

Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) has arrived in Taiwan. The Dungeons & Dragons Game has several million players around the world. It is sold successfully in English in the United States, Canada, England, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and the Phillippines. D&D is also sold in Japan, Germany, Austria, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, Holland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark in the native languages and now in Chinese!

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The club, officially sanctioned by TSR Dungeons & Dragons, now meets every Saturday at 2 PM. There are different playing times and many different games are played. If you are interested in being a Dungeon Master, a player or just plain interested, call Jim Buck at 565-2480, or visit 11/F. NO. 146 Sung Chiang Road, Taipei.

Newcomers Seminar

Newcomers to Taiwan are invited to attend the 9th annual "Awareness for Successful Adjustment to Taiwan" seminar which is aimed at helping people adjust to their new life here. The program includes films, discussions, information and tips for a successful Taiwan experience. A walk through a market and lunch in Shihlin are included in the day's activities which will begin in the high school library at 9 AM. Anyone with questions can phone Dick Arnold at 831-2112 (school) or 8214725 (residence). Free maps, pamphlets, and other materials are available. The program will end about 4:30PM.

Register by phoning 831-2112 as early as possible.

Journeys Into Chinese Culture

18th Aug.: Visit to a Tea House in Taipei to have a Demonstration of the Tea Ceremony and Arthur F. H. Shen, President of the Tea Society. YWCA member NT$340., non-member NT$380. The trip originates at the FASD Club 56-1 Chung-shan N. Rd., Sec. 3 (中山北路三段 56～1 號) at 9:30 AM. Phone Polly Yeung, 381-2130/1 for further information.

ORGANIZATIONAL NOTICES

Christian Women's Club: "A Touch of Elegance" is the theme for the Thurs., Aug. 25th meeting. Mrs. Lou Landon will be the speaker. *A Chinese Tea Ceremony* will be the special feature. Luncheon, which is NT$320, will begin at 11:45AM. For reservation call Kathy Frederiksen 918-0467 or Rhea McMurdock 892-2924 by Tues., Aug. 23rd.

Gateway: Special Coffee get-togethers will resume next month. Meanwhile the center remains closed Mondays with *informal* coffee's on Wednesdays. Opening hours are 8:30 AM to 4PM Tue-Fri. The address is 4th Fl. 438 Chung-shan N. Rd. Sec. 6, Tien-mou, Tel. 871-9031.

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10	French horn Recital	WP
12	Paul. C. Reilly Guitar Recital	WP
10-13	Stage - Three Women's Looking	AFAC
13-18	The Magic of David Copperfield	CS

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THE MIDDLE

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One of the post's first community activities was the sponsorship of last month's Independence Day activities at the Post Home's swimming pool area.

For more information call (04)222-9857 or visit the post at 35 New BOT Compound, 300 Mei-tsun Rd., Taichung.

ORGANIZATIONAL NOTICES

Int'l Women Assn: Monthly meetings resume 7 Sept. at National Hotel VIP Room, 10AM. All past members and newcomers are welcome. Contact Liffy Kennedy for details (04)251-4146.

VFW Post 727: Outgoing Post Cmdr., Daniel E. Bradley presented an award plaque to Larry Braley for outstanding support during the 1987-88 term.

The office of Jr. Vice Cmdr. is open for nominations with the next regular meeting will be held on 8 Aug. at the Taichung VSC.

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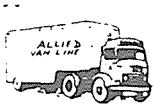

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27	Song Song Song Children Theater	Taichung
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Dartsters News

A round robin darts competition is being held early this month to select ten players who will represent Kaohsiung at international darts tournaments for a year. During qualifying rounds held last month our own Ray Wolfe, a member of the Dewdrop team, made it to the last twenty with a chance to represent the city.

Dart tournaments and competitions organized by the Kaohsiung Darts Association are held frequently, often at short notice. For updated information contact Keith Whitehead, Dewdrop Inn, 561-2428.

Friends Of Taiwan Bowling League

The team standings as of last month were: —

Lucky Numbers	*17.5*	*Be as it "May" gang*	*14.0*
Roll-Aways	*17.0*	*Holiday Crowd*	*14.0*
The Down Unders	*15.0*	*The New Swingers*	*13.0*
High Flyers	*15.0*	*Maybe This Time*	*11.5*
Sex Squad	*15.0*	*Big Time Operators*	*8.0*

The mixed bowling league meet every Friday at 7:30 PM. Anyone interested in participating can contact Jack MacIntosh, 742-0991

Hash House Harriers

On Saturday, 10th September the Kaohsiung Hash will be having a men only special hash bash run to celebrate the 875th run of this hallowed organization.

Kingdom Ice Cream Fest

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Watering Hole News

Specials

The Dewdrop Inn is offering a Beef Special on Tuesdays as well as its normal menu. ***Sam's Place*** has a Wednesday Special and on the 3rd Wednesday of the month is FREE to VIP card holders. The latest pub, ***Stormy Weather*** opposite the popular ***Brass Rail*** has ladies night on Thursdays with Free Stormy Weather cocktails for the ladies and a

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flower. *The Office* has a ladies night on Wednesdays with a special discount on ladies drinks. ***Snows Pub*** along with the others offers a Happy Hour during the day and early evening. For those with a morning thirst Snows Pub doors always open by 10 AM.

French Cuisine a la Stormy Weather

Stormy Weather may seem an unlikely name for a class French restaurant but the owners clarify the connection in the foreword of their menu with a tale of the cutter Stormy Weather, Capt. Slocum and a captured French Menu.

The restaurant's well appointed decor provides a unique sailing ship realism, embellished with authentic ship's fittings, to emphasize the theme and enhance the dining atmosphere, as does the live piano music.

Stormy Weather opened its doors in mid-July to an expectant throng of WuFu 4th Rd. expat regulars — a true acid test for any extablishment.

The menu, in correct French and English, features a sufficient range of choices to give the diner an interesting variety without being superfluous.

Hors d'oeuvre's include a tempting selection of Escargot, Smoked Eel, and Melon with Parma Ham. Soups cover a good Onion Soup, Creme de Brocoli, a special Black Bean Soup with Sherry, and Vichyssoise. Both Ceasar and Waldorf salads are available.

Entree's run from Paparika Chicken with Mushrooms, Lamb chops, Breaded Pork Cordon Bleu style to a listing of steaks and an assortment of tantalizing seafood dishes.

Desserts are equally interesting with Normandie Apple Flan, Mousses, Crepes Suzette, a cheese platter, or just plain ice cream.

Despite opening night teething problems we see Stormy Weather with the potential of a real first class restaurant, a welcome addition to the Kaohsiung dining scene.

Stormy Weather French Restaurant is at 30 Wu Fu 4th Road, upper deck (高雄市五福四路 30 號).

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The basement, just refurbished, houses the bar and is a spot for *real* beer drinkers to show their stuff by qualifying for a place on the board set up to record notable guzzlers and their respective capacities.

The World gives a touch of spice to any night on the town and is a great place to entertain the opposite sex.

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TRIVIA AND PUZZLE ANSWERS

CRYPTOS

1. Friends assisting in unpacking household belongings were grateful for spaghetti and bacon dinner.
2. Haunting melodies linger long after the performance of music-stops.

NUMERALS

1. V	4. C	7. V̄
2. X	5. D	8. X̄
3. L	6. M	9. C̄
		10. M̄

PUZZLERS

70kg of $32 and 30kg of $40.

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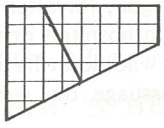
OLYMIC TRIVIA

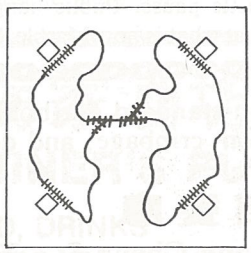
1. Abebe Bikila 2. Harold Abrahams 3. U.S. — James Connolly 4. Bob Mathias 5. Princess Anne 6. 776BC 7. Anders Haugen 8. Teofilo Stevenson (Cuba) 9. Al Oeter — discus, 1956, 60,64,68 10. A gymnastic movement on the rings 11. 393AD 12. 3 — all due to war.

Diner's Trivia

1. Sweden 2. 50 3. Louisina in 1865 4. a variety of Japanese beef 5. 0°F (−18°C) 6. Sheep's heart and liver, onions, suet, oatmeal, seasonings in a sheep's stomach 7. Hawaii (one-third of the total) 8. Mayonnaise, chopped capers, chilie sauce, parsley 9. A plain layer cake with jam as both filling and frosting 10. three

IDENTI-PARTS





RAILROADING

Two sets of points are needed, thus:

BUSINESS TRIVIA

1. K.C. Gillette 2. 1971 3. Sun 4. Guns — full name is *Birmingham Small Arms* 5. George Westinghouse 6. Frank W. Woolworth 7. Anheuser-Busch (Budweiser and Michelob beers) 8. Spain 9. *"Bad money drives out good"* 10. Deutsche Bank 11. Pepsi Cola 12. Greenland 13. China — AD910 14. Japan 15. *Monkey Business*

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BARSTOOL VIEWS

By Durdley Drinkright

By nature, pubs, taverns, bierstubes, cantinas etc. are communal establishments where many intimacies are shared voluntarily or involuntarily by a usually wierd assortment of patrons who stumble in, or out, or in and out, of the door day in and day out.

Your average barstool squatter enjoys very little privacy in the pursuit of swigging down his (or her) favorite liquid poison. Nor does this invasion of privacy end at the bar — in a pub *no place* is sacred.

With these somber thoughts trickling through my skull I was caught unawares by a disgusting uttering from my side.

"Is that gold ?" asks Wiley Molehill with a leering side-wise glance.

"no Wiley," I replies, "it is definitely not gold."

"But it looks like gold," God's gift to deserted flagons of unfinished or forgotten booze insists. "You're suffering from English Radio Syndrome, Wiley," I sez.

This sort of spontaneous W.C. chatter with univited degenerates is exactly why I'm voting for the "one-man/ one-hole" pissoir arrangement, as opposed, for example, to the Sammy's Cantina arrangement of six men/one hole-one basin-one commode complex. Unfortunately the one-on-one set ups are fairly scarce, unless a man cheats and uses the distaff booth — which, on occasion, is done out of dire necessity since most pub designers forgot that the male gender also have occasion to do the squat (or make number two as we said in my youth). One consoling thought is that despite women's lib *they* still haven't found a way to commandeer the men's urninals.

Of course the modern day pissoir architects also have a heavy responsibility to drinking emporiums. While these throne-room artisans are designing all of these new fangled no-touch faucets, auto-flush commodes and no-aim urinals they should work up a double-duty drunk ejector. This can work either on the principal of those jet-fighter pilot ejectors or the old-fashioned trap door in the floor.

Whichever way, the device would be activated by either some drunken slob falling asleep on the throne, or the inebriated wretch who is about to spew forth yesterday's stinky tofu.

I can see it now: — *"Look up in sky ! It's a bird ! No, it's a plane ! Like hell... it's Hans-Hubert Scheissmeister!"*

Or, from deep under the gutter grating: *"Don't make a wave ! Don't make a wave !"*

"Who's that down there ?"

"Help, It's me, the Vomiting Viking, tippy-toe and up to my nostrils in ..... arrgh !

"Oh well, I heard the Viking was getting transferred anyhow."

The Viking was 95½ years old.

Breakfast Boozers

As dawn reddened the sky the other morning we spotted old claudius Entwhistle staggering along after an all-night bender towards his favorite breakfast-noodle stand with a bottle of 5th grade Hsiao-shing hanging out of his back pocket. "Shame, Entwhistle!" I says. "And you the namesake of Tiberius Claudius Caesar, conqueror of Britain."

"Claudius the God drank grog with his breakfast," Entwhistle immediately protested. "Besides, I've got a hangover."

Some scholars find that hard drinking with one's hotcakes is associated, either directly or otherwise, with the maccabre. And perhaps this was the case with Emperor Claudius — Being married to Messalinda would drive any good man to drink, including the poison she finally poured down him.

Nevertheless, we felt like remonstrating with this former stand-in for Ronald Coleman, who fell off the walls of Fort Zindernuf eight times in "Beau Geste." Morning boozing precedeth the "Four Horsemen of the Apocolypse," we warned him and began to draw from some obscure but deadly instances.

In the Mexican bullbreeding country, for exmaple, the gentry habitually breakfast sumptuously before the *tientas*, or testings of the animals. Decorum decrees nothing heavier than a clear claret to accompany the steaks and eggs, but the boozing is usually heroic nevertheless. And, course it is followed by "death in the afternoon."

At San Fermin every July 7 the early rising runners before the bulls need plenty of courage and usually find it in the heavy red wines of Aragon, for after the running at least thirty of them will be in hospitals or the morgue.

Poles and Russians who don't have to go to work use breakfast vodka to assuage the wretchedness of their communist lives.

Nevertheless, it was our recounting of Tyburn Fair that really gave Entwhistle pause. Public hangings from the famous Triple Tree at what is now Marble Arch in London

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were tremendous social events during the time when there were plenty of pirates and pickpockets to string up. ("Jeremy, eat your porridge or you shant be taken to the hanging!") It was like the rock festival syndrome. An old report describes how the rabble assembled and fought for advantageous places a day ahead of time, spending the night drinking, casting dice and fornicating. But on the day itself some of history's most celebrated upper-class boozing took place on the balconies which overlooked the spectacle. The patrician families invited their closest friends to champagne breakfasts, and it was rumored that some of the swells got so pie-eyed they tumbled off the balconies and died sooner than the boys who were dangling from the Triple Tree.

"Enough, enough," cried Cláudius Entwhistle, "I'll save my bottle for a morning when you're not around... bloody killjoy!"

Chuckler

A priest, a rabbi, and a black Baptist minister were riding in a car. The car skidded off the road and all three were killed. But when they appeared before the pearly gates, they found St. Peter was upset.

"Something's wrong," St. Peter said. "Only two of you are supposed to die, but I don't know which two. Until I get a chance to check with God on this, you can go back to earth temporarily as anything you want."

"I've always wanted to fly," the priest said. "I'd like to be an eagle."

"Done," St. Peter said. he turned to the rabbi, "And you?"

"I've always wanted to be strong and powerful. I'd like to go back as a lion."

"You have your wish," St. Peter said. "And you?" he asked the black minister.

The minister grinned. "If I only got a short time, I want to be a *real stud.*"

St. Peter waved his hand and the minister disappeared. The next day he reported to God on the situation. "Where's the priest?" God asked.

"Soaring over the Rocky Mountains. The rabbi's ranging over the plains of Africa."

"And the black minister?" God asked.

"He's on a snow tire in Finland."

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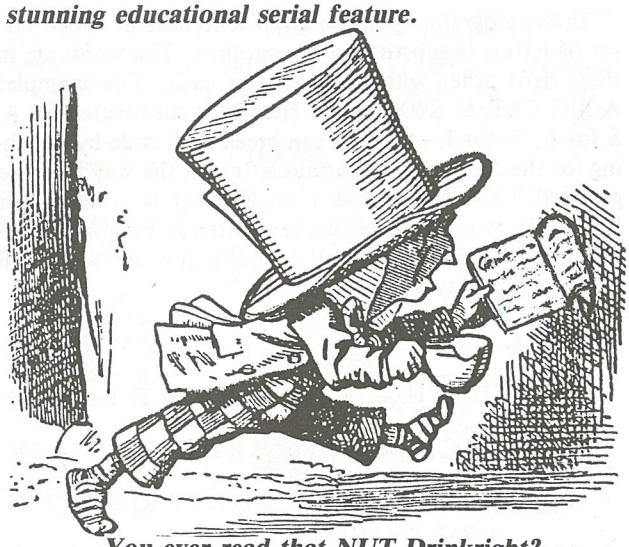

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   X E D I R F U U C D V Q O D L J V Q C V V F K.

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1. 5
2. 10
3. 50
4. 100
5. 500
6. 1,000
7. 5,000
8. 10,000
9. 100,000
10. 1,000,000

PUZZLERS

A grocer buys two kinds of tea—one at $32 per kilo, and the other, a better quality, at NT$40 per kilo. He mixes together some of each, which he proposes to sell at $43 a kilo, and so make a profit of 25 per cent on the cost. How many kilos of each kind must he use to make a mixture of a hundred kilos weight?

■ ■ ■

Two pieces of iron chain were formed of circular links (all of the same size) out of metal half an inch thick. One piece of chain was exactly 3 ft. long, and the other 22 In. in length. One piece contained six links more than the other. How many links were there in each piece of chain?

■ ■ ■

If a number of *cats* killed between them 999,919 mice, and every cat killed an equal number of *mice,* how many cats must there have been?

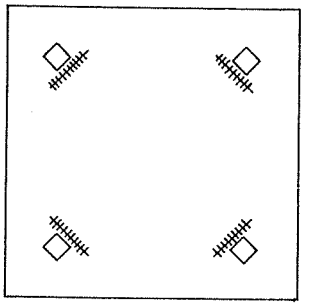
One common suggestion is that perhaps one cat killed the lot; but it says "cats." Or, perhaps 999,919 cats each killed one mouse, but we have used the word "mice." For your guidance, each cat killed more mice than there were cats. What is the correct answer?

BUSINESS TRIVIA

1. Who invented the safety razor ?
2. In what year did the U.S. Dollar offically cease being convertible to gold at a fixed price ?
3. What was the label of Elvis Presley's earliest records ?
4. The English company BSA, famous for motorcycles, originally produced what product ?
5. Who invented air brakes ?
6. Who founded the *Great Five Cent Store* in Utica, N.Y. ?
7. Name America's biggest brewers.
8. Which country is Europe's third largest wine producer ?
9. What is *Gresham's Law* ?
10. Which is Germany's biggest commercial bank ?
11. In 1941 the advertising jingle was pioneered by which firm ?
12. What country left the EEC in 1985 ?
13. Paper money was first used in which country ?
14. Which country is the world's largest importer of fish ?
15. About what business did *Chuck Berry* complain in one of his songs ?

RAILROADING

A boy is building a model railway layout. He has built four single track stations in the positions shown, and does not *wish to* alter them. He wishes to construct a track layout *which* provides a direct train route between every pair of stations, so the train need not reverse or pass through another station on the way. He has plenty of plain, flexible track, but no points or crossovers. Points cost $1.50 each, and crossovers (which allow one track to cross another) cost $1 each. Draw the required layout which will cost the boy as little as possible.



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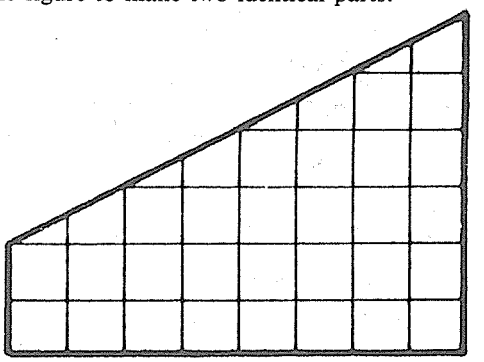

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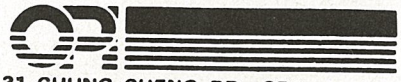

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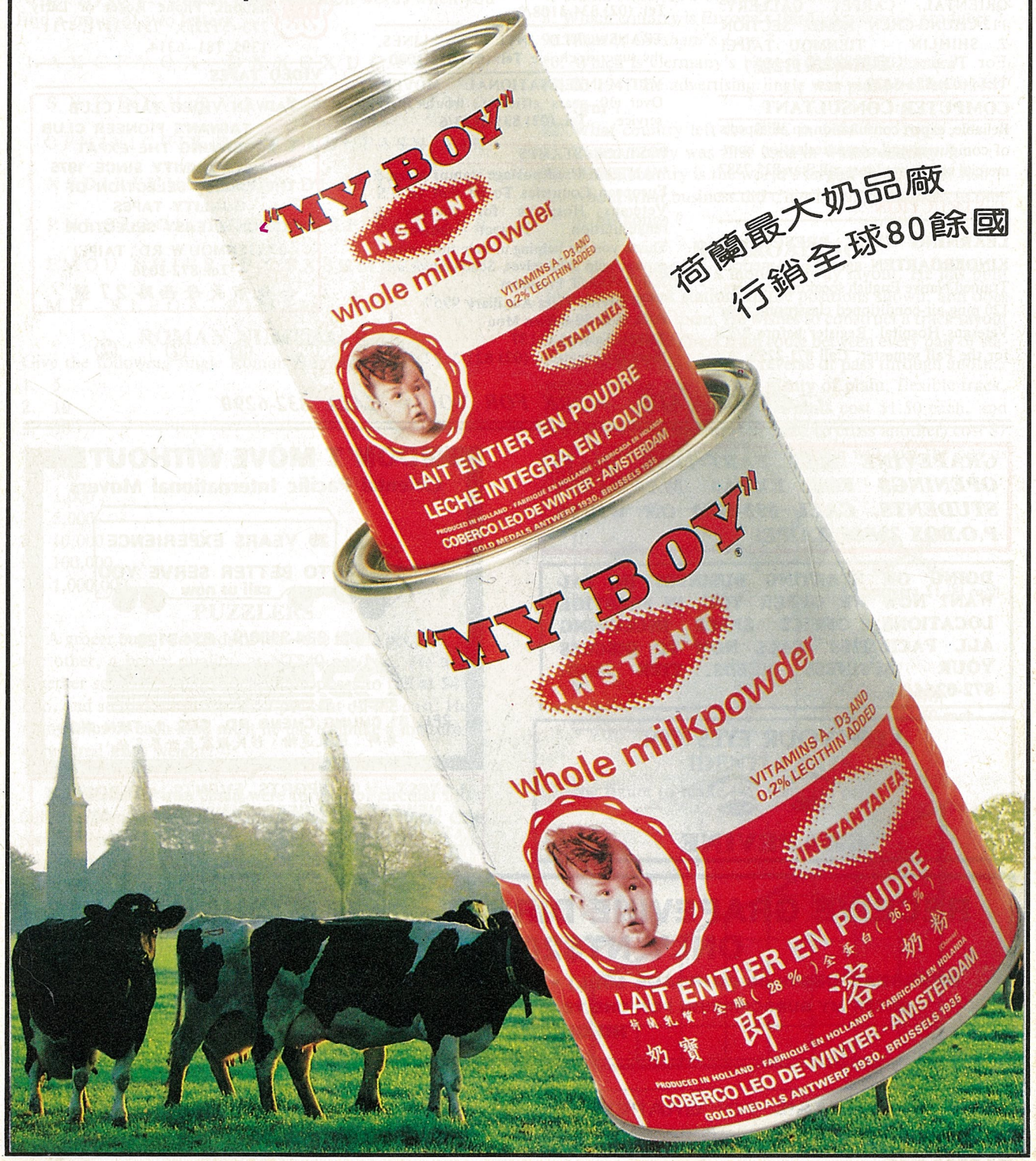
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